ries etc. were mainly exported to Australia, Canada, France, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, USA, U.K., USSR and West Germany during the years 1989-90 and 1990-91.

(b) The amount of foreign exchange earned from the export of hand-knotted carpets etc. during the years 1989-90 and 1990-91 were of the value of Rs. 420.08 crores (Provisional) and Rs. 507.00 crores (Provisional) respectively.

(c) A statement is attached.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The target fixed for the export of hand-knotted carpets etc. during the year 1991-92 is about Rs. 720.00 crores.

STATEMENT

(c) The measures proposed to be taken to boost the exports of hand-knotted carpet industry during the year 1991-92 are as under:-

(a) To sponsor sales-cum-study Team (s) for exploring export potentrials of handknotted carpets etc.

(b) To participate in DONOTER International Fair in Germany.

(c) To organise a Buyer-Sellers Most at New Delhi and/or Spain.

(d) To launch an effective publicity campaign abroad so as to popularise Indian hand-Knotted carpets etc.

(e) Sponsoring All India Carpet Trade Fair.

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Funds for Armament Research And Development Establishment

5273. SHRI BHAGEY GOBARDHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether funds allotted for Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE) during the last seven years were fully utilized;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether delay in development of projects in a number of cases has led to the projects becoming redundant in terms of technological requirement; and

(d) if so, the details of such projects?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b). In last two years, Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE) has fully utilised the funds allotted. However, there was marginal under utilisation of funds in earlier years, as the actual expenditure is subject to placement of orders after negotiated price, terms of delivery, actual receipt of stores, inspection of items, release of final payment and also due to book adjustments with central purchase agencies like Ordnance Depots, DGS & D etc.

(c) and (d). Projects under development at ARDE are periodically reviewed. In the past, some projects with time over-run have been short-closed due to changed threat perception as felt by Services and due to changes in their operational requirements. These projects mostly relate to development of fuzes and projectiles. In some cases, development of upgraded version of the stores was undertaken.